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The Hon. Commissioner of
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to examination, please amend the herewith filed application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 54-64 in their entirety and without prejudice.

Please amend claims 20 and 94 as follows, marked-up copies of these claims are attached:

Claim 20 (Amended) The rubber composition according to any one of Claims 14 to 18, wherein said silyl-containing ethylene/ α -olefin/non-conjugated polyene random copolymer rubber (A2) is produced by reacting a silyl-containing ethylene/ α -olefin/non-conjugated polyene random copolymer rubber having a norbornene compound as the non-conjugated polyene with at least